

East European countries during the current year to the exports made during 1990-91; and

(c) the steps taken to make up the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The total value of India's exports to Soviet Union during 1990-91 stood at Rs. 5266 crores. During the period April–August 1991–92 exports to USSR have fallen by about Rs. 998 crores as compared to the corresponding period of 1990–91.

(b) Exports to East–European countries during the period April–August 1991–92 have declined by about 37% as compared to the corresponding period of 1990–91.

(c) The fall in exports of East–European countries is mainly due to decline in exports to USSR. Since trade between India and the USSR is carried out on the basis of balanced payments, efforts are being made to in-

crease imports from that country so that Indian exports can also rise.

Cases of Smuggling of Narcotic Drugs at Trivandrum Airport

2728. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases involving smuggling of narcotic drugs detected at Trivandrum airport during the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken for strengthening the anti-smuggling machinery at Trivandrum airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The number of cases involving smuggling of narcotic drugs, the name of the drug and the quantity seized by the Customs authorities at Trivandrum airport during the last 3 years is given in the table below:—

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. of Cases</i>	<i>Name of drug</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
1989	1	Brown Sugar	16.6 Kgs.
1990	3	Brown Sugar	8.96 Kgs.
1991 (upto 30th November)	Nil	—	—

(b) The Customs authorities remain alert against smuggling including that of narcotic drugs. In doubtful cases, examination of the baggage and of the person is being conducted.

Rural Credit Policy

2729. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether small farmers in the country are affected by the Rural Credit Policy; (b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to review the rural credit policy so as to make it beneficial to farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). Agriculture is one of the